Nlakey describes CIA's Oswald investigation as "massive," represented by 142-volume file at Langley.

Was there pre-assassination relationship with LHO? Did this lead to fear of being accused of complicity.

Blakey's account has LHO surrendering passport to Snyder but does not identify Snyder as CIA as well as State. Contrast with burlyburly over Soviet consular official being also KGB.

Says "Castro was aware of the American plots on his life" re Amlash ; Castro told Blakey and committee opposite.

Cites Lane's books only on CIA connection allegations, caling one "Code Name Zero."

Says WCReport is full on Oswald's biography whereas it is not. No mention Helsinki and how LHO got there, for example.

Helms DDP at time assassination. "Worked with Warren Commission on a day-to-day basis."

Says documents used released under FOIA, meaning not committee's work. In addition, "within the past week" they arranged for other declassifications.

225 beginning Helms tes imony. Preyer in chair, Goldsmith questioning. Michael.

Testified ex sess 8/9/78 under CIA release from secrecy oath.

Ex 536,A and B, 9/21/78 CIA Gen. Counsel to Helms. Helms has discussed with his own attorneys. On classified info is to ask for ex sess, not refuse to testify.

Function DDP to perform "certain covert activities overseas." Atty Gregory P. Cray?Craig? CIA has declassified document on function DDP, which Helms had described as "most one of the highly vlassified document in Washington."

CIA role in JFK assassination investigation cooperation, secondary to role of FBI. He is the one who saw to it that inquiried were answered as expeditiously as possoble. Staff with primary responsibility (after first couple of week) Counter-intellig ence staff given job of coordinating for both WC and FBI. CIa liaison with FBI on covert matters is CI. The DDP then "had a series of staffs" with assigned functions. CIa provided guidance to rest of org in counterintell matters. It was of wider authority because of its broader responsibilities within CIA.

Initial feeling principle CIA int erest MxCy over LHO's trip there. Once it was established that inv. would be wider responsibility was transferred from WH.

Refers to daily staff meetings with DCI. No refe to what Machetti has said

On Nosenko had to point out questioning of dependability.to WC.

Many officers had concern that Soviets or Cubans may have been involved in some fashion re foreign conspiracies, which was "prime concern."With Nosenko in their hands "this became one of the most iddicult" questions they ever had to face. Considers it "strange until this day." Only question protecting sources and methods. Otherwise fully cooperative with WC on all things.

Volz "Clearly Helms is having memory problems."

640 Stokes: 1968 Nosenko Reports by SR and OS divs and 1976 Hart report.

Side 2."Defectors who came to this country were handled by the CIA" under inter-agency defector committee agreement. 030 begins his understanding of Nosenko's "legal situation" with CIA, going back to his ex sess testimohy. Appears to be prepared statement he reads. David Murhhey cief SBloc Div and gen counsel met with Katzen-bach, Yeagley, Foley and Harold Reis of Justice OLC at DJ to" define Mr. Nosenko's legal status in the United States." CIA provided copy of meeting for record and another on a phone call with Foley 4/3. next day. Declassified by CIA 9/18/78. (Katz claimed yesterday to have no recollection). Status "exlusion and parole" meaning exclused but paroled to CIA under final determination on deportation of permission to settle. Violation of parole meant deportation. Interag. com on defectors full informed and concurred in DJ opinion of status.Statement ends at 100.

What did Katz say at meeting. Says all he remembers is in memo. Katz did give advice. Stoles refers to Katz testimony yesterday and reads and asks for comment where Katz asked about decision to sign off on Nosenko. Katz says "I don't recall..."

"Whenever they wanted a book suppressed they came to me." Tjis is the part I did not get about books yesterday- they wanted to suppress books. About 150-5. All relevant testimony read. Helms says hard to reconcile with his recall and records.

Says he reads Houston's memo for record on Nosenko case.

Helms says he saked his attorney to be in touch with Katz and was some weeks ago, which gave Katz opportunity to refresh memory on matter Helms was sure would come up. F413 hujber given both documents.

Stokes notes that memo does not specify meanner of Nosenko treatment. Had not been decided within Agency by then. Helms says K cangt be held responsibile for any of the Nosenko treatment and probably was never informed of it.

Primary Nosenko responsibility in 1964-Office Sec. given responsibility for housekeeping and Sov Bloc for interrogation. On responsibility for questioning in about 1967 case could not go on in this fashion and Nosenko was turned over to an officer of Off Sec. who could get alsong with Nosenko and handle resettlement.

Helsm was "rather puzzled by some of Mr. Hart's testinony" about treatment byt could give npthing on Oswald info.

Says almost as though his purpose was to excoriate some of his former assodiates.

Denounces the depchf Sov Bloc notes as unknown to him and foreign to him.

Voice raise, clearly angry and intends to be taken as response "put to rest once and for all". (Matter of fact I interpreted it the same way only I saw the focus on Angleton, not Helms.)

(In all of this they today are staying away from any Oswald info, too.)

Basis selection personnel from SR Div. asked. One "high officer in SR Division and the other a case officer in the SR Division." They had to be able to check on Nosenko initially, not what he said about Oswald in USSR.

His visit to Warren to tell him they could not vouch for Nosenko's statements. At 450. In June, about 52-5. Again 535.

Stokes pushed on means of checking dependability re what he said of Oswald.

Nosenko "started punching up a bar" in Baltimore. "All he wanted to do was "boose and corouse." No indication whenmor how he was able to.

Interrupted by WRC before end to 160 on side 1 tae 2

Referred to p/ 133 delcassified transcript (Helms 8/8/78?)

Refer to record from CIA judging Nosenko bona fide defector. Does not recall it. Use CIA answers to interrogatories re Nosenko. Not released or offered under FOIA.

FBI consultant as agency cont actor, indication in this record, that is, not paid by FBI. Used to lecture widely before various agencies on counterintelligence.

Helms questions only that bona fides were "established."in late 1968.

331 10 minutes recess for floor vote.

Side 2,Resumption.Counter changed prior to Helms' testimony. Says did not want to call Katzenbach untruthful.

Stokes says he doesn't even know today of Nosenko is for real or that Agency ever reached this formal judgement. So suppose what Nosenko said of LHO not true. So Helms says this is the undecided point today and "tends to sour a great deal of all the other things that he may have contributed..." Then big Stokes buildup on polygraph tests and those of Nosenko. Stokes cites Hart on efforts to "break" nosenko and use of polygraph as part of this. Asks for Helms comment on Hart's polygraph testimony. Helms says forst designed to pressure Nosenko. Here Helms protests again and says only purpose to "establish his bona fides," not to #dispose" of N. He is not asked what they would have done if they decided he was not bona fide defecor.

Helms"I don't think I'd be sitting here today if he (JFK) had not been assassinated, either." No questions asked.

When He;ms again gets to what Nosenko said about LHO he again does not say what he said re Oswald and CIA. "either does or has committee. Stokes has FBI re cords of its questioning of Nosenko , asks if CIA had similar one, and does not statement "sleeper agent" suspicion part.

Helms testifies to "the way we handle all defectors." Isolation, etc. but contrary to representations in FOIA cases.

422 Stokes reads fromp. 147 of declassified transcript, line 17, asked to describe Nosenko's conditions when in solitary. Read Helms' description, which is an enormous understatement and really misrepresents.

Then says this is what he was told of first place Nosenko was kept and that the rigorous conditions were at second place. Helms escapes guilt by incompetence of questioning, which permits evasive answer and pretends that there was only one place of solitary confinement.

CIA had him in Hawaii prior to being put away. To get him cooperating.

Stokes reads Nosenko affidavit on conditions, etc. Helms responds no first-hand knowledge but that after becoming aware of affidavit in August spoke to former associate who said that some was exaggerated. Repeats no first-hand knowledge and I do not see why Stokes is spending all this time on this diversion.

Drugs used were aid to interrogation. Proposed. Says no drugs under any circumstances were his explicit orders. Here Tape 3 side 1 reset to 1, oversight on changing tapes.

045 Stokes ends at 12;18, recess to 1:30.

PM, delayed starting to 1:40 with Dodd unlimited time at 050

Constituent phone calls complaining about Helms reference to Eastern Europeans and Asiatics being able to pass polygraphs because they are schooled to lying. Helms says only in indivildual cases and we can do as "well" if we try.

Houston's 4/3/64 letter on Nosenko - not signed. Asked if same Houston who briefed Robert Kennedy on CIA Mafir plots 5/7/62. Helms said he was not there but others were. Did others tell RFK no longer any such plots. Yes, thinks Edwards wrote memo on this, "the activity had been terminated as of that time." Col. Sheffiled Edwards.

What this means is that Justice knew of CIA-Mafia anti-Castro plots, so if WC did not know, Justice also withheld.

Forgot to turn tape on until 1:57.

Did CIA ever tell WC about CIA assassination plots. Helms quibbles on anything other than Mafia being "assassination plots." Doesn't know what they knew but he didn't. Says both Dulles and Russeel ("their members") knew "what was going on," as he points out, McCone also did. Or he hits back. His ex sess testimony is that this was only one and it was "before the Bay of Pigs." Says there was a second one for which he apologized, a ~~plot~~ "plot that enevr went anywhere." This was William Harvey with Rosselli.

Thought Trafficante was involved, not certain,"he came into the picture later."

Involved William K. Havrey in touch with John Rosselli, for channel from Florida ibto Havana, for poinson,"never any evidence that this plot left the Florida mainland."

His only personal contact was with Harvey, "a staff officer."

IG report identifies "5 separate phases" of plots. Report for LBJ. McCone "was certainly on top of all of this." Disputes that McCone sent him word no assassinations. About 320-325. McCone could have known anything he wanted to know and nobody stopped him.

Appears that McCone did not know of pre Bay Pigs efforts vs Castro until 8/63. Helms never discussed with WC. He says that was not his function then. Only Director or one on his authority could brief on on-going operations. Means on-going after 11/63 but nobody picked up on this.

"But Mr. Doodd you're singling me out..." on Cuban operations and he ticks off long list. "Why am I sigled out when it was a government-wide operation" on telling WC. Says Mongoose operations still going on and RFK knew. Makes a long, impassioned spiel. "Those operations want on no-stop throughout 1963...If that doesn't indi ate bad blood between President Kennedy and Fidel Castro I don't know what is."

Dodd still wants to know why he didn't tell WC. Helms says "I'm sorry I didn't." "When one government is trying to upset another government some people get killed." Is this also assassination? "There isn't a chief of state in the world today who does not know his life is in jeopardy." But if I had told them "how would it have altered the Warren Commission" conclusions. Doesn't want to take "sole blame."

Dodd asks about if Castro knew about these efforts.

"Was there any effort to investigate whether" Castro knew? Helms says they trieed with their resources.

Castro knew of efforts against Cuba from people he arrested after being caught.

Says Castro broadcast these things, as I recall he did, so the WC people should have known from what was public knowledge.

"Should have backed up a truck" loaded all records on "and put them on the WC's desk."

Basically, they gave Commission only what it asked for. "Our role was to respond" and not to "get out in front."

Document "A Cuban defector's information about Oswald." I think referred to earlier in FOIA records. Interrupted here. Forgot to reset counter on second side. At 730 Dodd asks what else they didn t tell commission. Cangt think of anything. Told LBJ about anti-Castro effort, in Connection with some allegations by Drew Pearson. This would be in Garrison's day, when story was planted with Pearson "by some lawyer in town." Specifically, the organized crime. "As for getting rid of Castro, they were going on in his administration."

This also is a classified disclosure. Contrast with FOIA representations.

AMLASH not only assassination. Group to change government Cuba.

800 they go into Amlash-penmeeting re Amlash not assassination plot.

Helms argues its is not an assassination plot.

Affidavit of Ho Joseph H. Langdrof, cryptonym, person "was has extensive experience in counterintellige ence matter matters" aimed against Cuba. Agency until 1968. Was assistant to Chief of Special affiars staff. This staff was in chg. operations against Cuba and was in charge of protecting it against foreign penetration.

This constsitutes another disclosure of organization structure and function.

940 Helms catches misspelling of FitzGerald's name by one supposed to have known him closely.

Fithian asks about Oswald being in possession of radar info at time of defection is of some interest to us.Etc. Ref to Epstein's stuff on operational characteristics of U-2, no ref to Epstein.

Helms notes that with Oswald Marina the Agency would not have been close to him, "not our responsibility" when he defected. "No jurisdiction in the case. "We would have had

When LHO returned speaking to him responsibility of Naval authorities.

He and Fithian can't accept Nosenko's story that KGB found LHO uninteresting. So Fithian wants to know about giving Nonseko all tthat money. Helms says there is real difficulty handling "these defectors. What do you do with them? Put them on welfare." Says told Nosenko has made valuable contributions to American intelligence. Refers question of worth toAdmiral Turner.

140 Blakey says has not asked questions to now. Several years ago he asked questions of Colby at a public forum. He changes focus of question to "moral question." "What possibly could have been the moral justification with the CIA entering into an alliance with the mafia?" Helms responds that he had done this under great pressure and had already publicly apologized for it on public TV.

Goldsmith at 182. F518, partical conversation ith woman named Calderon. Woman connected with Cuban intelligence indicates possibility of foreknowledge of assassination. Helms imagines he would have known but had no recollection of it or if sent to WC.

Did the Agency ever conduct any investigation to determine whether" oswald had any connection. Helms response is keyed to "formal" connection and limits to "agent" of CIA in what follows. "I would hope that at some juncture someone would find some means of putting this ???to rest." Contact and CE staff people should have been asked.

Nit aware that Agency "ever had any operational interest" in LHO. 526, 11/25/63 memo on "laying on of interviews."

Helms has become pretty argumentative and arrogant in answeers and whatshe volunteers.

Tape 4,040 repeats that Navy would have debriefed LHO on his return.

Document so sanifized that it does not disclose part of Agency in which the person who wrote the memo was. And the committee accepted this.

"What is a 201 file?" "I believe it is simply the number...personailty information is placed."

Shown F534 at 093. State Telegram 10/31/59. Golsmith tells Helms to read it to himself. States LHO's desire to defect and will give USSR radar info. P.75 8/78 testimony, line 17, "would the information ordinarily lead to the establishing of a 201 file." Helms "I would have thought so...."

Is it permissible to remove anything from 201 file. Evasive answer. Is record required to be kept. Normally he thinks so. Shown F523. Form used on opening of 210 file. In name of Oswald, Lee Henry. 12/9/60. Even any inquiry on why name Henry. Helms doesnot know but is aware it ~~could~~ caused some discussion and somebody made an effort to explain it. Goldsmith notes lapse of time and asks why it took more than a year to open a 201 file on Oswald.

Under "Other identificiation" initials AG appear. Page shows file restricted. Helms thinks"maybe because he was an American."

"Is there ever such a thing as a fake 201 file."Goldsmith called one to Helms' attention. (205)

F522 is such a fake. ZR Rifle project. To cover a man who had been taken on in an operational capability to kill people. Metamorphosed into something else. When he became DDP he put on shelf. Didn't need. "Division D Operations ...operational staff in Agency " for use overseas."Executive Action" not ordinarily in Division D. Could have been to deceive people.

One of pages says "Should have a phoney 201 to backstop this."

All documets"should be forged and backdated." P. 6,"never mention the word assassination." Next page,"No project or paper except for cover. Cover file create two ..."

F524 at 302 shown to Helms. Refers to"37 documents being missing from Oswald's 201 file." What is missing is listed. Classified Secret Eyes only.

"A lot of documents were" overclassified, Helms says at 365

Sawyer.How can there be doubt about Nosenko's bona fides and putting him on payroll as consultant if there is fear he is double agent. Helms says it is a constant hazard in intelligence work.

End side 1 Lardner 8/10/78 story says it was not in later than first edition, which he gets.

Side 2: Sawyer picks up on "no formal connection" and asks any othertype. Says only shortcut and affidavit by McCone should stand on its own feet. Says for short ~~sxxx~~ sentence. Omitting "formal" would have made shorter, which Sawyer does not note.

042 Dodd refers back to imability of Hart to provide any LHO information. Asks who would be good wintnesses, present or past, "who could shed additional light" on LHO part answer chief and dep shief Sov bloc Division. "good for openers."

on 201 file Lee Henry Oswald. "Do arcane significance at all" in number. They had numbering system of identification.

Note that neither the 201 nor ZR ~~Rifle~~ Rifle matters are new with HSCA. 201 came out under FOIA, ZR Rifle from Church committee and public uses several years ago.

125 Preyer statement on testimony of past two days, that "the CIA did things ....that shock us today." Then goes into this is of past and we are no that kind of "lawless society" but Russia is. We bring these things out and Russians don't. (Guess he never heard of the Khruschev 20th Cobgress speaech.) Refers to "another trust", of "national sedurity" and says Helms never betrayed this other trust. Offers Helms his 5 minutes. at 178

Helms appreciates Preyers last remarks and thanks him for them and says nothing else.

Adjournment until 9 Monday.

Totenberg says she has never seeb a witness "as openly contemptuous."

Volz notes "very little to do with the assassination of President Kennedy."

(There are other known CIA efforts to kill Castro than those Helms tes ified to or was asked about.)